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1. HERewith FOLLOWS FULL TEXT OF THE PREPARED STATEMENT GIVEN BY SENATOR HENRY M. JACKSON AT THE NEWS CONFERENCE COVERING HIS WEEK-LONG TRIP TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA GIVEN TODAY, MONDAY, JULY 8. A TRANSCRIPT OF THE REST OF THE NEWS CONFERENCE WILL FOLLOW IN A SEPARATE CABLE.

2. MY VIEW THAT THE CHINESE THINK REALISTICALLY ABOUT THE GEOPOLITICAL SITUATION ON THE EURASIAN LAND MASS HAS BEEN STRONGLY REINFORCED BY MY TALKS IN PEKING; I FOUND THAT THERE ARE MANY AREAS IN WHICH AMERICAN INTERESTS PARALLEL THOSE OF THE CHINESE. EVEN THOUGH WE USE DIFFERENT LANGUAGE TO EXPRESS OUR POSITIONS AND EVEN THOUGH WE START FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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DIFFERENT PREMISES, THERE ARE A RANGE OF MATTERS IN WHICH

THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE COMPATIBLE. I FOUND THAT MANY OF MY OWN POSITIONS ON VITAL ISSUES NOW BEING DEBATED IN AMERICA WERE UNDERSTOOD AND SYMPATHETICALLY APPRECIATED BY THE CHINESE.

3. DURING MY STAY IN CHINA I HAD OVER 15 HOURS OF DETAILED AND FRANK CONVERSATIONS WITH PREMIER CHOU EN-LI, VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-P'ING, VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHIAO KUAN-HUA, AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE PEOPLE'S

REPUBLIC OF CHINA. I CAME AWAY FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH A NUMBER OF KEY IMPRESSIONS OF THE WAY IN WHICH THE CHINESE VIEW THE DEVELOPING WORLD SITUATION AND OF SOME OF THE PROBLEM AREAS THAT BOTH WE AND THEY FACE.

4. AT THE CENTER OF CHINESE CONCERN IS WHAT THEY PERCEIVE TO BE THE EXPANSIONIST AND UNRELIABLE NATURE OF THE SOVIET UNION. WHILE THEY ARE CONVINCED OF THEIR CAPACITY TO DEFEND THEMSELVES ON THE BASIS OF SELF-RELIANCE, THEY SEE SOVIET POLICY AS IN PART DIRECTED AT THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF CHINA.

5. IT IS MY JUDGMENT THAT THE CHINESE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF NATO AND THE DANGER OF ANY IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS FROM EUROPE. THEIR PRESENT POSITION IS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE "FEINTING TO THE EAST IN PREPARATION FOR AN ATTACK ON THE WEST." THAT IS, THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE WEAKNESS OF EUROPE AND THE NEED FOR GREATER UNITY AMONG THE WESTERN ALLIES.

6. ONE CONCERN THAT I PERCEIVED IS RELATED TO SOVIET INVOLVEMENT ON THE SUBCONTINENT AND IN THE PERSIAN GULF, PARTICULARLY THEIR PRESSURE ON IRAN AND PAKISTAN. THE CHINESE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THEIR PERCEPTION OF THE LIMITED EXTENT OF AMERICAN UNDERSTANDING OF PERSISTING THREATS TO THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF PAKISTAN.

7 TWO YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND WE SHOULD NOW BE PRESSING ON TOWARD NEW DEPARTURES IN SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT

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OF RESIDENT CORRESPONDENTS IN EACH COUNTRY, MORE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRAMS OF CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES, AND THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ASSETS ISSUE; ON THE MATTER OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION, WE SHOULD TRY TO REVERSE THE LOCATION OF OUR EMBASSY AND LIAISON OFFICE AS BETWEEN TAIPEI AND PEKING.

8. I WAS STRUCK BY THE CHINESE SPIRIT OF SELF-RELIANCE

WHICH IS MANIFEST IN MANY AREAS, FROM SECURITY PLANNING TO THEIR HANDLING OF FOREIGN TRADE; THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL WELCOME THE NEWS THAT TRADE WITH CHINA IS EVOLVING ON A SOLID COMMERCIAL BASIS. UNLIKE THE RUSSIANS, THE CHINESE ARE NOT SEEKING SPECIAL SUBSIDIES.

9. I WAS ABLE TO EXPLAIN TO THE HIGHEST CHINESE OFFICIALS THE NATURE OF THE AMERICAN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AND THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF CONGRESS IN FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS.

I BELIEVE THAT THE US-CHINA RELATIONSHIP MUST BE STRENGTHENED BY MOVING BEYOND CONTACTS BETWEEN A LIMITED NUMBER OF PERSONALITIES TO A MORE INSTITUTIONALIZED PROCESS AND A FAR WIDER RANGE OF EXCHANGES AND OTHER RELATIONSHIPS.

10. TO THE CHINESE ONE'S WORD OF HONOR IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN FORMALISTIC AGREEMENTS ON PAPER, AND THEY PROFOUNDLY DISTRUST THE SOVIET UNION FOR FAILING TO ACT WITH INTEGRITY. THE CHINESE HAVE LEARNED FROM BITTER EXPERIENCE THAT THEIR TREATIES ARE OF LITTLE VALUE WITH THE RUSSIANS, AND THEY VALUE THE FRANKNESS WITH WHICH AMERICANS HAVE SPOKEN WITH THEM. I FOUND THAT WHILE THEY AND I COULD EASILY IDENTIFY A WIDE VARIETY OF ISSUES ON WHICH WE COULD AGREE, THEY ALSO RESPECTED MY FRANKNESS WHEN WE IDENTIFIED MATTERS ON WHICH WE DISAGREED. AT NO POINT DID IDEOLOGY PROVE TO BE A HINDRANCE TO PRECISE COMMUNICATION.

11; I MET WITH PREMIER CHOU EN LAI IN HIS SUITE IN A HOSPITAL WHERE HE IS CONVALESCING. HE WAS ALERT AND KEEN MINDED. HE WAS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH MY TALKS WITH THE OTHER OFFICIALS AND THUS WE WERE ABLE TO MOVE DIRECTLY TO A DISCUSSION OF KEY ISSUES. ON LEAVING HE GRACIOUSLY ACCOMPANIED ME OUT OF HIS SUITE WHERE FURTHER PHOTOGRAPHS

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COULD BE TAKEN.

12; I MUST MAKE FURTHER MENTION OF HOW WARMLY RECEIVED I WAS BY ALL THE CHINESE WITH WHOM I DEALT AND I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE THE CORDIAL HOSPITALITY OF MY HOST, THE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WHEN I VISITED SOOCHOW, THE BIRTHPLACE OF MRS. JACKSON'S MOTHER, THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AT THE COLLEGE GREETED US ENTHUSIASTICALLY. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE AMERICAN LIAISON OFFICE IN PEKING AND PARTICULARLY MY OLD FRIEND AMBASSADOR DAVID BRUCE FOR THEIR MANY COURTESIES;

13. MY TRIP WAS SHORT BUT BECAUSE WE CONCENTRATED ON WORKING SESSIONS RATHER THAN SIGHTSEEING, I WAS ABLE TO LEARN A GREAT DEAL THAT HOPEFULLY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER

RELATIONS AND EXPANDING CONTACTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA. IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT IN THE FUTURE THERE ARE GOING TO BE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF AMERICAN POLICY PROBLEMS THE SOLUTION OF WHICH MUST INVOLVE CONSIDERATIONS OF CHINESE INTERESTS AND VIEWS.

14. WE MUST GRASP THIS MOMENT IN HISTORY WHEN GEOPOLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BROUGHT OUR TWO COUNTRIES CLOSER TOGETHER TO BUILD A WEB OF RELATIONS WHICH WILL PROMOTE PEACE, ESPECIALLY AS CHINA MOVES AHEAD TO BECOME A NUCLEAR

AND INDUSTRIAL POWER. I TRUST MY VISIT HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN THE ESSENTIAL PROCESS OF EXPANDED AND MORE FRANK DISCUSSIONS AND CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN CHINESE AND AMERICANS ABOUT WORLD ISSUES. (END TEXT) SISCO

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